



MISSION STATEMENT

*A Christian Community founded on the faith of Polish immigrants,
Welcoming and accepting all as brothers and sisters in Christ,
Working together to create one family bound by Christ's love*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	<i>4:00 PM</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus</i>	<i>St. John Gualbert</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>St. John Gualbert (Polish)</i>	
	<i>9:15 AM</i>	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	
	<i>10:15 AM</i>	<i>St. John Kanty</i>	
	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>St. Katharine Drexel</i>	
	<i>11:45 AM</i>	<i>St. John Gualbert</i>	
	<i>12:00 PM</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus (Polish)</i>	

WEEKDAY MASSES

<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus 8:00 AM</i>	<i>St. Katharine Drexel 8:30 AM</i>
<i>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday</i>	<i>Corpus Christi 8:45 AM</i>	
<i>Tuesday, Thursday</i>	<i>St. John Gualbert 8:00 AM</i>	<i>St. John Kanty 8:30 AM</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Corpus Christi 12:15 PM</i>	
<i>First Saturday</i>	<i>Corpus Christi 8:45 AM</i>	

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS: As announced

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Phone: 716-893-0412 **Fax:** 716-893-9864 **Internet address:** <http://www.saintjohnkanty.com/>
On Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all visitors and ask that if you like what you see and hear to please contact the parish office to register. A parishioner is someone who has completed a registration form, regularly attends Mass, and regularly supports the parish financially through the use of envelopes. It is necessary to be a registered and active parishioner in order to receive a letter of recommendation to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. If you are moving away, we ask you to please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

MARRIAGE: Please consult with the Parish Administrator/Pastor at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

BAPTISM: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Visit our parish website – www.saintjohnkanty.com



REMINDER THAT ONLY THOSE WITH HANDICAP PERMITS MAY PARK IN THE DESIGNATED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16-ADVENT WEEKDAY
NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:15 AM +Richard Wolicki, (Family)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM +Barbara Shephard, (Walter & Terrie Domino)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM +Deceased Members of the Stolinski, Graminski & Dudek Families, Fr. Bob

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:15 AM +Valentina & Edward Budny, (Family)
ST. ADALBERT
4:00 PM +Rev. Michael Burzynski, (Parishioners & Friends)

The Mass book for 2024 is open.

Weekend and week day Masses are available. The Mass stipend is \$15 per Mass. Please contact the rectory to schedule your intentions. You may also place your intentions, with the stipend amount, in the collection basket or mail in your intentions.

OFFERTORY: WEEK OF December 10, 2023
We have been given many blessings. How will we share our treasure with others? All of the parish financial resources depend on the donations of the parishioners.

Regular \$676.00/Monthly \$10.00
Christmas Flowers \$40.00/Rel. Ret. \$77.00
Thank You!



Celebrate Christmas with us. . .
The East Buffalo Parish Family



Corpus Christi, 152 Clark St.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday, December 23rd
4:00 pm at St. John Gualbert
NO Vigil at St. Stanislaus

Sunday, December 24th
9:00 am St. John Gualbert (Polish)
9:15 am Corpus Christi
10:15 am St. John Kanty
10:30 am St. Katharine Drexel
NO 11:45 am at St. John Gualbert
12:00 pm St. Stanislaus (Polish)



St. Stanislaus, 123 Townsend St.



St. Adalbert, 212 Stanislaus St.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday - Continued
4:00 pm - St. Adalbert
4:00 pm - St. Katharine Drexel
6:00 pm - St. John Gualbert
10:00 pm - St. John Gualbert
11:00 pm - Corpus Christi
Midnight - St. Stanislaus



St. John Kanty, 101 Swinburne St.



CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday

9:00 am - St. John Gualbert (Polish)
10:15 am - St. John Kanty
10:30 am - St. Katharine Drexel
11 am - Corpus Christi
12:00 pm Stanislaus (Polish)



St. John Gualbert, 83 Gualbert Ave.



St. Katharine Drexel, 135 North Ogden St.

Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes
Winter Weather Policy



The winter weather is on its way. We want our parishioners, friends, staff and our clergy to be safe this winter season. Our family has decided on the following in case of inclement weather. We will follow the guidelines set by the City of Buffalo for winter weather, (driving ban etc.)

If there is a **driving ban** in the City of Buffalo there will be **no services and parish offices will be closed**, including St. John Gualbert in Cheektowaga.

We will also follow the Buffalo Schools winter weather closures.

If **Buffalo schools** are closed due to winter weather, there will be **no services and parish offices will be closed**, including St. John Gualbert in Cheektowaga.

Closings will be listed on Channel 4 -WIVB.com as "Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes." Please be assured, the Mass intentions during driving bans and school closures will be fulfilled by our priests in their residence chapels.

Any questions please call the parish office.
Stay safe and warm!

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Jessica Frysz, Dee Stetz, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Emily Ventura, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Melanie Plata, Kimberly Paul, Jeffrey Nietopski, Joanne Marcucci, Sharon Jakubowski, Ben Lisiecki, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Dolores Ruda, Marcia P, Corazon Bocalan, Kaitlyn Dubik, Dina Szymanski and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

Diocese of Buffalo Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:30AM

St. Joseph Cathedral

For couples observing 25, 50, 60, 70 years of Marriage.

Registration is required by January 12

Please call the parish office to register.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's

response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



The Advent wreath consists of four candles, each of which is lit on one of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The color of these candles can vary, but it is common for the first, second, and fourth candles to be purple, while the third is rose-colored. The candles represent the four weeks of the Advent season, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. The second candle, also known as the "Bethlehem Candle" or the "Peace Candle," represents peace. The third candle, also known as the "Shepherd's Candle" or the "Joy Candle," represents joy. The fourth candle, also known as the "Angel's Candle" or the "Love Candle," represents love.

Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes Calendar of Events



Family Advent Prayer and Penance Service

Thursday, December 21 @ **St. John Gualbert Church**

4:00pm Church opens and Holy Hour prayers by the Spiritual Life Pillar * Divine Office Vespers, Marian Reflections & Rosary

5:00pm Short Penance Service with Confessions available till 7:00pm

St. Adalbert

We are having a "pop-up" candy sale at St John Kanty (back of church vestibule) on December 17th, before and after our 10:15am mass. Our candy sale sold out earlier this month! Please support us, and buy some Christmas chocolate for family and friends!!

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In Memory of

Edward & Wanda Bryk
By Family

Kalisz & Zulawski Families
By Connie Zulawski

Drozd, Jozwiak & Jankowski
Families
By Phyllis Drozd

Edward Sunday
By Wife, Marcia

John & Julie Jamot
By Family

Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families
By Family

Charlotte Fyda
Gloria & Ralph Snyder
By Jennifer Snyder-Haas

Husband & Father Robert
Felski, Sr. By Dolores &
Family

Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy
Pawlak
By Julie Pawlak

Irene Szalda
By Dombek Family

Stanley & Patricia Bystrak
By Family

Maciorowski & Peplowski Families
By Norman Maciorowski

Michael Streicher
By Wife Cindy

Eugene & Florence Baranowski
By Children

Henry & Marian Kucinski
By Children

Wagner, Brzycky & Siejak
Families
By Sally & Family

John & Stella Wrobel
By Chet, Ella, Dave & Ryan

Domino & Michalek Families
By Mary Domino

Chmielewski & Konwinski Families
By Family

Millie & Ray Cegielski
By Michael Kucinski

Frank & Gerry & Mary
Niemczal
By Debbie & Randy & Family

Dziatkowski & Marciniak Families
By Gert Marciniak

Stephen, Julia, Leonard,
Marcia, Norman Makolinski
By Daughter, Sue O'Neill

Geryak & Sestak Families
By Family

Marie & Stanley Szeluga
By Donna

Richard Slazak
Mieczyslaw & Leocadia
Pajakowski
By Dolores

Franciszek & Honorata Stanczewski &
Frank & Mary & Jim & Rita
By Family

Walek Family
By Family

Jenny & Teddy Imbierowski
By Ed, Diane, Elizabeth & Paul
Czajka

Richard Laskowski
By Maryann & Jim Kajdasz

Walter & Barbara Koza
By Koza Family

Sikorski & Jerszewski Families
By Grace

Jennie Showalter
By Daughter Janice

Helen & Walter Rembacz,
Lucy Majchrzycki

Barbara Miller
By Terejko & Thornton Family

Michael & Mark Jakubiak
By Aunt Sally

Kwandrans & Szyndel Families
By Kwandrans Family

Ulicki & Jaworski Families
Parents of Harry & Pat
Jaworski

Frank & Regina & Paul Ziembiec
By Helen & Joe Ziembiec

Stanley & Mildred Glowny
By Children/Grandchildren

Francis & Theresa Jablonski
By Roy & Karen Baer

Walenty-Anna Kochul Family
Valerie Mincel & Family
By Sigmund & Christine Mincel

Anthony & Katherine
Rogowski
By Family

Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski
Families
By Dorothy

Edward & Harriet Niedzielski
By Sunday Family

Dear Husband & Father
Gene Siejak
By Sally & Family

Wieszczecinski & Wozniak Families
By Family

Natalie R. Palmowski
By Nancy R. Floyd

Husband Edwin Marciniak
By Gert

Peter & Regina Stelmach
By Family

Adam Michalek
By Family

Leonard Tortorice
By Nelson & Marlene Oldfield

Adrian & Marian Borowicz
By Daughter Mary & Mike
Muscato

Henry 'Skippy' & Alicia Spychaj
By Children & Grandchildren

Grzywa & Majcher Families
By Wally & Terrie Domino

Sovinski & Tarabula Family
By Family

Stanley & Jennie Szymanski
By Dina

Benedict S. & Barbara.
Zarajczyk
By Family

Edmond & Martha Pinkowski
By Sunday Family

Gorny & Trawinski Families
By Family

Dolores & Edward Hosinski
By Children, Cheryl, Ron,
Janice, Karen & Sister, Millie

Baron Family
By Diane Baron

Phyllis Pepe
By Family

Mary & Stanley Maslanka
By Daughter, Millie

Orlowski & Bienas Family
By Norbert & Barbara

Msgr. E. Sobierajski &
Edmund Wardynski, By Millie

Helen P. Borowicz
By Family

Zbigniew Sr., Jozefa, Zbigniew Jr.,
Richard Solecki,
By Helene, Barbara & Mary

Ferdinand & Anne Nowicki-Peter
& Veronica Slazak By Loretta
Nowicki

Guy & Rita Giancarlo
By Family

VARIOUS INTENTIONS
Living & Deceased Members of
Rosary Soc.

Living & Deceased Members of
Holy Name Soc.